

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MATTIEU BURKS,

*Plaintiff,*

-against-

CORRECTION OFFICER CHAD STICKNEY;  
CORRECTION OFFICER NOLAN; CORRECTION  
OFFICER SMITH; CORRECTION OFFICER EDWARD  
L. PEPPER; SERGEANT JOHN MARK CROSS;  
CORRECTION OFFICER DAVID J. CHAMBERLAIN;  
CORRECTION OFFICER JOSHUA R. WOOD; JOHN  
DOE "E" BLOCK SERGEANT; SUPINTENDENT  
STEVEN RACETTE, SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL  
KIRKPATRICK, JOHN DOE SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE  
OF SECURITY #1, JOHN DOE CORRECTION  
OFFICERS ##1-25,

*Defendants.*

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**RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS  
FOR ADMISSION  
FRCP 36**

16-CV-0759

FJS/DEP

Defendant Edward Pepper, by his attorney, Eric T. Schneiderman, Attorney General of the State of New York, Denise P. Buckley, Assistant Attorney General, of counsel, pursuant to Rule 36 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby responds to Plaintiff Mattieu Burks' Requests for Admissions, dated July 5, 2017, as follows:

1. On August 18, 2015, you were employed as a correction officer by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.  
**Response:** Admit.
2. On August 18, 2015, you were assigned to Clinton Correctional Facility.  
**Response:** Admit.
3. You worked in your capacity as a correction officer at Clinton Correctional Facility on August 18, 2015.  
**Response:** Admit.

4. On August 18, 2015, you worked in "E" block at Clinton Correctional Facility.  
**Response:** Admit.
5. On August 18, 2015, you had a verbal interaction with an inmate named Mattieu Burks.  
**Response:** Object to the extent that I am not sure what is meant by the phrase "verbal interaction". Without waiving that objection, admit that I do not recall speaking with an inmate named Mattieu Burks on August 18, 2015 and deny the remainder of any allegations in this request for admission.
6. On August 18, 2015, you used force against an inmate named Mattieu Burks.  
**Response:** Deny.

Dated: Albany, New York  
August 3, 2017

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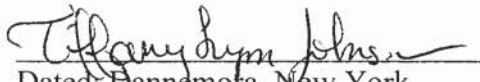
**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
  ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, Edward Pepper, being duly sworn, say that I am a Defendant in the within action, that I have read the foregoing responses to Plaintiff's Requests for Admission FRCP 36, and that the same are true to my own knowledge.

  
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EDWARD PEPPER

Sworn to before me this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2017.

  
Dated: Dannemora, New York  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**Tiffany Lynn Johnson**  
**Notary Public, State of New York**  
**No. 01JO6352505**  
**Qualified in Clinton County**  
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